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PEKING NCNA IN ENGLISH MORSE TO PYONGYANG 1235 9/10 W

(TEXT) PEKING -- AT 0700 HOURS TODAY, A P-3 M-1 PATROL PLANE OF THE U.S. NAVY INTRUDED INTO THE AIR OVER THE TERRITORIAL SEA IN THE CHUANGCHOW AND MEICHOW ISLAND AREA, FUKIEN PROVINCE, AND OVER MEICHOW ISLAND.

AT ABOUT 0900 HOURS, A U.S. U-2 STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE PLANE INTRUDED INTO THE AIR OVER THE AREA OF FUKIEN, Kiangsi, AND KWANGTUNG PROVINCES TO CARRY OUT HIGH-ALTITUDE RECONNAISSANCE.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

FOLLOWING THE INTRUSION BY AMERICAN WARSHIPS INTO CHINA'S TERRITORIAL SEA TWICE ON SEPT. 7 AND 8, U.S. MILITARY PLANES HAVE AGAIN INTRUDED INTO CHINA'S TERRITORIAL AIR. THIS IS A CRIMINAL ACT, SERIOUSLY INFRINGING ON CHINA'S SOVEREIGNTY, AND A DELIBERATE WAR PROVOCATION.

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS TIME AND AGAIN ISSUED SERIOUS WARNINGS ON SUCH ADVENTUROUS ACTIONS, BUT THE U.S. AGGRESSORS ARE BENT ON PUTTING A NOOSE AROUND THEIR OWN NECK. THE CHINESE PEOPLE CAN NEVER BE INTIMIDATED BY ANY SHOW OF FORCE. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HEREBY, FOR THE THIRD TIME, ISSUES A SERIOUS WARNING ON THIS MATTER.

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